

SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1860

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Higher Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1860 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill increases the number of voting members of the board of governors of Rutgers, The State University from 15 to 19 members. The bill increases the number of appointments made by the Governor from eight to ten members, and provides that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly will each appoint one member. Under the bill, each of the new members, and the successors, must have professional expertise in a medical field. The bill also requires that one of the new appointments made by the Governor and the appointment made by the President of the Senate, and the successors, be alumni of the university. The bill provides that the initial appointment by the Governor of the two additional members will not require the advice and consent of the Senate, but thereafter advice and consent will be required.

The bill also increases the number of governors needed to constitute a quorum from eight to ten members, and similarly increases the number of governors necessary for a quorum of a joint meeting of the institution's board of governors and board of trustees.

The committee amended the bill to require that the four new appointments to the board, and the successors, have professional expertise in a medical field. The committee also amended the bill to require that one of the new appointments made by the Governor and the appointment made by the President of the Senate, and the successors, be alumni of the university.